

## **Abstract**

This bachelor thesis entitled *Religious and secular holidays in France* maps the French holidays and feast days, the traditions and the folk customs during the year. It focuses on the religious holidays (Christian, Islamic, Jewish), the secular days, the significant sport and cultural events. It acquaints the readers with regional folklore festivities. The aim of the thesis is to briefly sketch the historical development of the traditions and their current form. The characterization of the religious holidays is supplemented by links related to basic ideas and values of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. The thesis gives a brief insight into historical development of the calendar and offers possible ways of sorting the feast days.